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SUBJECT: CASTRO, NETO AND LUIS CABRAL VISIT CONAKRY

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1. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS TOTAL UNCERTAINTY AND MANY CONFLICTING RUMORS REGARDING EXPECTED VISITORS, FOREIGN MINISTRY FINALLY INFORMED DIPLOMATIC CORPS OFFICIALLY THAT GUINEA-BISSAU PRESIDENT LUIS CABRAL WOULD ARRIVE CONAKRY MORNING MARCH 14.

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DURING MORNING ARRIVAL CEREMONIES (AT WHICH CHARGE PRESENT)

GUINEA PROTOCOL OFFICIALS EVADED ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING WHICH OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE MIGHT BE COMING AND WHEN. FINALLY, DIPLOMATIC OORPS WERE ADVISED TO RETURN TO AIR-PORT EARLY IN AFTERNOON FOR PROBABLE ARRIVAL OF AGOSTINO NETO OF ANGOLA. SINCE CHARGE DID NOT RETURN AIRPORT, EMBASSY ONLY LATER LEARNED THAT NETO ARRIVED ABOUT 3:30 P.M. AND FIDEL CASTRO ONE HOUR LATER. GOG HAD INVITED DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO BANQUET EVENING MARCH 14 IN HONOR VISITING (UNSEPCIFIED) CHIEFS OF STATE.

2. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS SCHEDULED MARCH 15 AND 16, BUT STILL NOT CLEAR IF MORE VISITORS EXPECTED OR HOW LONG CASTRO, NETO AND CABRAL WILL REMAIN CONAKRY.

3. COMMENT: GOG HAD PASSED WORD TO PARTY FAITHFUL THAT SEVEN CHIEFS OF STATE WOULD VISIT CONAKRY OVER WEEKEND. SEKOU TOURE MADE EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS FULFILL THIS PROMISE, BY SENDING MIN FINANCE ISMAEL TOURE TO BAMAKO, AND FONMIN FILY CISSOKO TO COTONOU (COTONOU 0472). OTHERS MAY STILL COME, BUT FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES TOURE HAS NOT DISAPPOINTED GUINEANS. CASTRO AND NETO ARE CLEARLY THE BIG CATCHES.
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